style of an enlarged copy of the Nepaul design. Both are on European white wove paper, no watermark, imperf., ungummed. Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. inform us that envelopes have also been issued, with these same stamps impressed, size not stated.

Labuan.—*Permanent 4 cents*: Of the provisionally surcharged stamps there are said to be thirteen varieties. The permanent 4c. is now reported by the *Monthly Circular*, colours black and ochre.

Marianne Islands.—The *Monthly Circular* reports a forthcoming issue of German stamps, surcharged MARIANEN-INSELN.

Negri Sembilan.—The 1-cent, lilac and green, of the current type has been lately issued.

New South Wales.—*Error*: We learn from the *Monthly Circular* that the current 9d. exists with double surcharge.

New Zealand.—The *Weekly Stamp News* has a note from the N.Z. Stamp Co., saying that the London print stock of the current issue is sold out, and that the 2½d., 5d., 6d., and 1s., printed in the colony, perf. 11, are also not to be obtained at the post office, the old issue having been brought forward again. *Unpaid stamps*: The *Weekly Stamp News* describes these stamps, which we have not yet seen. The values are: 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., and 1s. They are all in green, with value in red, perf. 11, and we conclude that they are engraved in *taille-douce*, though this is not stated. We hope to be able to illustrate them in our next Supplement. They were issued on 1st Dec. The *Monthly Circular* illustrates an official envelope or frank. The impressed stamp has POSTAGE at the top and FREE at the bottom, with "V.R." in a fancy monogram on a lined ground in the central circle, and the letters "P. & S. D." in the spandrels. These initials stand for "Printing and Stationery Department." It is printed in black on white laid.

North Borneo.—*Provisionals and permanent stamp*: The *Monthly Circular* states that there are fifteen varieties of the provisional 4 cents. The permanent stamp of 4c. has now been issued, with design showing a monkey; colours black and green.

Norway.—*Post-card*: According to the *Monthly Circular*, the set of cards with stamp of current type has now been completed by the issue of a 3 + 3 öre, yellow.

Philippines U.S.—*Postage due*: We have the U.S. unpaids, current type 1 cent, 2c., 5c., carmine, with a thin horizontal bar through the figure of value, and the surcharge, PHILIPPINES, obliquely below the line in black.

Portuguese Indies.—*Post-card*: The *Monthly Circular* states that the ½ tanga, green on buff, has been issued in the current type.

Queensland.—The *Monthly Circular* reports a wrapper with impressed stamp of the design of the new ½d. adhesive. The value is ½d., and the colour is green. The same journal states that in the new 5d. stamps the figures are separately engraved by hand, and show many differences in the sheet.

Sarawak.—*New colours*: In our last Supplement we announced the 4 cents in rose-carmine, and the 10c. ultramarine of the annexed type, but with the



legend, "Postage-Sarawak, Postage," instead of "Postage, Sarawak, and Revenue." We have now received the following stamps of the same type:* 2 cents, green; 8c., yellow, with value in black; 12c., bright lilac. Our specimens are without watermark, perf. 14.

Seychelles.—According to the *Monthly Circular* a 15 cents has appeared, of the current type, in blue.

Siam.—*New issue*: The *Monthly Circular* has received several values of the new issue, which is the same as before, except that the portrait is in profile. Perforation as before, no watermark: 1 att, dull green; 2a., grass-green; 3a., red and blue; 4a., carmine; 8a., green and yellow; 10a., indigo; 12a., lilac and carmine; 24a., lilac and blue; 64a., lilac and brown.

South Australia.—The ½d., 1d., and 2½d. are being issued in the postal colours; the 2d. is now in violet. The ½d., green, and the 2½d., deep blue, are already to hand. *Wrapper*: The halfpenny wrapper now bears the name of the colony. The *Monthly Circular* announces a reply-card 1 + 1d., rose on buff, type of the single card of 1893.

Spain.—*Postal Union colours*: We have already announced the 10 centimos in red, of the current type. We have now received the 5c. in blue-green. The 2c., having given up its colour to the 5c., now appears in brownish-black.

Straits Settlements.—*Error*: The *Weekly Stamp News* reports an entire sheet of the 8 cents, blue, with double surcharge of "4 cents." *High value*: The *Monthly Circular* says that a 5 dollar stamp, of the current type has been issued, colour orange and red.

Sudan.—The *Monthly Circular* says that the 1 piastre and 10p. are now watermarked with a crescent, but has not yet seen them. A friend, sending us various Sudan stamps many months ago, told us that there was a rumour, even then, that the stamps would soon be changed, as the Mahomedans strongly objected to the present watermark, which forced them, as they said, to kiss the cross.

Tasmania.—*New issue*: Of the landscape series, already announced, we have received * the 1d., in brownish carmine, with view of Mount Wellington.



It is engraved in *taille-douce*, on white wove paper, watermarked with many repetitions of TAS. close. Our specimen shows portions of seven watermarks. The gum is yellowish and the perforation 14. *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* also reports the issue of the 2d., which is in bluish mauve, with a view of Hobart.

Tonga.—*Marriage commemoration*: According to the *Monthly Circular*, an issue of 6000 1d. stamps was made on 1st October, bearing the surcharge, "T. L., 1 June, 1899." It appears that his sable majesty was married on the day commemorated by the surcharge, the initials, T. L., being those of the bride and bridegroom—Tubou, Lavinia.

Trinidad.—*Provisional*: According to the *American Journal of Philately*, a provisional 3d. has been made, by surcharging that value on the 5d., current issue.

Tunis.—*Unpaid stamps*: The *Philatelic Monthly* says that, in place of the stamps with a large "T" perforated in them, there is soon to be a set similar to the French unpaids.

Turkey.—*New issue*: We learn from the *Echo de la Timbrologie* that the reported new issue is to take place in 1318, which begins on 15th July of this year. In another quarter it is stated that the issue will commence on 1st March. The *Monthly Circular* says that there are to be two sets—interior and foreign—there being a variation of about 5 per cent. in the currency in the two cases. *Post-card*: A post-card has been issued, 20 + 20 paras, red on greenish.

Venezuela.—*Officials*: Our illustration* shows a new set. They are apparently lithographed, but the black central design, including the word



OFICIAL is engraved in *taille-douce*—a curious combination. The colours are: 5 centimos, dull blue-green; 10c., dull rose; 25c., dull blue; 50c., ochre-yellow; 1 bolivar, lilac. The central design is black in all cases; the gum brownish-yellow, the paper wove, and the perforation 12.

Victoria.—*Post-card*: The 1d. post-card is now issued in rose, to comply with Postal Union regulations. The size is 123 × 82mm. We have received the already-announced 1½d. post-card, red-brown on green, size 180 × 82mm. *Wrappers*: The ½d. wrapper is in green, and the 1d. wrapper, current type, is in rose, like the card. Both are on white wove paper, size 280 × 112mm., with square ends, and dirty-looking yellowish gum. Two or more wrappers are evidently printed at once, and then torn apart, as our specimens are rouletted down the side. *Envelopes*: Of these we have the 1d. in rose and the 2d. in bright mauve. The stamps are impressed on ready-made envelopes, so that the inside of the side-flap of every envelope bears an embossed stamp without colour, and doubtless some of these will be offered as errors of printing. The envelopes before us are white laid, size 145 × 88mm.

STAMPS OF THE TRANSVAAL.

This fifteen-page pamphlet (by Charles Nissen) gives, in concise form, a catalogue of the issues of the Transvaal, very much after the lines of a monograph on the same subject by Mr. Burnett, which we shall shortly publish in this Supplement. Mr. Nissen's work does not give all the varieties known to the specialist, but for the ordinary collector it will be found convenient and useful. The price is 2d., and it is published by Charles Nissen and Co., 106, High Holborn, W.C.

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BOARD OF TRADE STAMPS.

Our mention of these stamps seems to have aroused a good deal of interest among philatelists. We have received the following letter, announcing another value. In time, no doubt, the stamps will be catalogued among the rest of the British officials.

"Sir,—With reference to the article in the December Supplement concerning the Board of Trade stamps, I have the following values in my collection:

½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., and 10d.

The 10d. I have not seen mentioned anywhere before. Perhaps you would like to mention it in the next Supplement. I may add that, on holding the stamp in front of one's eyes, the surcharge reads 'T. B.' instead of 'B. T.'* I have a specimen of the 1d. value which also reads in this way.—Yours faithfully, F. J. Rolt.

Salisbury Road, Wimbledon, S.W."

Ewen's Weekly Circular quoted our last month's article *in extenso*, and a correspondent of that paper, reading our list, writes: "Sir,—From the list of those interesting stamps which you quote from *The Bazaar* Supplement, it might be inferred that the Board of Trade official perforation of a crown over B. T. was not brought into use earlier than on stamps of the 1884 issue. It may, however, interest your readers to know that I have a copy of the 2d., blue, plate 15, with the same official perforation, which must have come into use not later than 1880."

We shall be glad of further news from any of our correspondents. It would seem that the number of B. T. stamps is likely to be larger than we anticipated when we first mentioned the 2½d. lilac. Up to date, the list is:

2d., blue, plate 15.
½d., slate.
2½d., lilac (perf. sideways)
½d., vermilion.
1d., lilac.
2½d., purple on blue.
3d., brown on yellow.
4d., green and brown.
5d., lilac and blue.
6d., purple on red.
10d., purple and red.
1s., green.

From information kindly furnished by the Board of Trade, we learn that ordinary stamps are obtained from the Inland Revenue Department, and the crown and B. T. are perforated by a machine in the office of the Board of Trade, and not by the Inland Revenue authorities. The secretary adds that the Board of Trade cannot supply their stamps to any private individual. But our main question is unanswered; *i.e.*, as to the date when stamps first received this official perforation.

Salvador "Wheel" Surcharge.—The small wheel surcharged in black on some of the late Salvadors is stated by a correspondent of the *Philatelic Monthly* to be in place of the word "Oficial"; but the *American Journal of Philately* says that it is applied (to the 1898 and 1899 issues) to distinguish the stamps actually sent to Salvador for use from the unissued remainders in the contractor's possession.

Patriotic Postmarks.—In former Supplements we have illustrated several of these. According to the *Weekly Stamp News*, another is to be added to the list, hailing from New Zealand, the postmark consisting of a circle, with date, &c., on the left, and a flag on the right. The flag has the Union Jack in the usual place, and in the centre of the flag are four stars (Southern Cross?), with N.Z. between them.

Commemorative Stamps.—The *Timbre-Poste* has been going into the question of these, and gives a list of the number of them issued by sundry states. Among them are: Canada, with seventeen commemoratives; Guatemala, with forty-four; Hungary, with sixty-two (post-cards); Montenegro, with forty-four; New South Wales, with twenty; United States, with seventy-three (twenty-five stamps, forty-eight envelopes); and last, but certainly not least, Portugal and colonies, with 161 stamps and eighty-four cards, 245 in all.

* As to the reversed lettering, we have before pointed out that it is caused by the sheet of stamps being folded, in order that one punch may perforate two stamps at once.—Ed.